

## Odds and Ends of Gossip.

### THE FOREST.

By Clinton Scollard.  
I know a forest hole that breeds  
From trodden pathways far apart,  
Into whose inner solitude  
You never yet with open air  
Reaches from the bounding pine  
White or red of its own hue;  
And greater from the strenuous view  
Than power to slave into your fate.

Draw harmony from throats that fill  
The leafy transepts with their lay;  
From the sweet bloom of mind and  
Gather the altar of content;  
And with the vastness of calm  
Find healing for the spirit blind.

Come, let me climb the rising land  
And feel the wind of life upon my face;  
Let every tree be a friend  
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## THE UPRISING IN CHINA.

Our Maple Hill Correspondent Gives a Few Facts and Observations on the Subject.

MAPLE HILL, KY.—A question in which people are interested in every quarter of the globe is the Chinese uprising. The Chinese Empire covers a wide territory in eastern Asia. The natives call their country the "Flowery Kingdom." China proper has an area of two million square miles, while the whole empire has an area of more than twice as much. The population of China is estimated at least four hundred million. China is a farming country. Each year the emperor begins the season by himself, turning over a few furrows in the "sacred field," while the empress in the white way starts the work among the silk worms, the care of which is left to the women. Grains and fruits are extensively grown. Tea and silk are the principal exports.

The Chinese are a very old race, their record going back to 2567 B. C. China, as an empire, began in 221 B. C. and has more than 2100 years. Until recently China has never cared to have anything to do with western nations. Chinese workers or coolies began to come to the United States about the time of the discovery of gold. In the year 1852, 35,614 came over. The low wages at which the coolies were willing to work threatened the high wages of American laborers. This led to an action by Congress excluding them from this country for 21 years from 1888, though merchants and students may travel or live in the country.

The present trouble in China is called the "Boxer" rebellion. The cause of the uprising is hard to determine. For a long time the Chinese hatred of foreigners has threatened trouble. It is alleged on the one hand that this hatred was caused by the work of missionaries, which interfered with the traditions of the Chinese. On the other hand, it is asserted that it is caused by the high-handed way in which the foreigners have conducted improvements, such as railways, and especially in the German province of Kiai Chan which is so thickly populated that hardly a square inch of land can be spared from raising crops to feed the population. It is very probable that the work of the alleged cause is alone to blame for the trouble, for the Chinese are a reactionary people and hate the

introduction of European ways among them.

The Boxers are a secret society the original band may have been a society of boxers or the practice of boxing may have been given out as the purpose of the organization in order to rally supporters. The Chinese government is the most severe of any in the world on secret societies, but the traditional policy of the government was not followed in this case. Even after the existence of the secret society was known, no efforts were made by the government to check its progress.

The regular army of China numbers about one million men, about three hundred thousand of them are all well armed and well drilled, having been drilled by German and Russian officials. It seems that with this force at the disposal of China could put down the rebellion without difficulty unless the army has joined the revolt. Many incidents point to the fact that the army has either joined the revolt or China is guilty of acts of war against the Powers.

When individuals differ there are tribunals of justice to which they refer for the adjustment of their differences and there are means by which we may enforce the decisions of these tribunals. But when nations are guilty of crimes violations of those great laws which regulate the conduct of nations in their intercourse with one another, there are no tribunals to which they can refer for the adjustment of these offenses nor is there any means by which you could enforce the decisions of such tribunals should any exist. Consequently when these great principles are violated the rule turbulent scenes of bloodshed and warfare must follow.

Whether China will be dismembered and wiped off the map as a separate nation or whether the integrity of the Empire will be maintained, with a government by a representative of the powers or what the outcome will be is difficult to determine.

The conquest of China is a great undertaking, there are many obstacles to overcome. One is jealousy among the powers, another is the greatness of the country to be conquered. China with her millions of people with almost inexhaustible resources will be hard to conquer. China could lose a few million men and hardly miss them. It is true that Japan defeated them a few years ago, but since that time they have greatly improved from a military point of view. When you defeat their country and threaten to destroy their government they will fight desperately.

At this stage anything that might be said as to the probable outcome will only be a conjecture, as nothing in the matter is absolutely certain. The instability of all human affairs makes the outcome uncertain, even the compass of a day may bring about results all predictions are uncertain. W. F. G.

Many at a man.  
To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed. She is now better, thanks to the Electric Balm which she is using. It is a wonderful remedy for all kinds of ailments. I can do my work now." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. It is a goddess to women, a life-giver to the weak, a cure for all ailments. One guaranteed. Only \$1.00. Sold by Haydon & Robertson, druggists.

Mr. Logan Bollet has bought the property near Mr. Ben Pugh and removed to said place. Mr. N. C. Sutherland and wife Mrs. Grace and Master Roy, spent Saturday and Sunday at Springfield.

Mr. W. B. Conklin, of Louisville, Ky., writes: "I received your letter from Maple Hill, Ky. I am very glad to hear that you are well. I am also well. I am happy to say I have immediate relief and complete cure." Sold by Haydon & Robertson, druggists.

My wife was terribly sick with the rheumatism. I had to call on Dr. J. H. Hark. Dr. Hark said: "We were unable to cure her with the doctor's medicine, and as a last resort we tried the Electric Balm. She was cured. Dr. Hark says: 'I am happy to say I have immediate relief and complete cure.' Sold by Haydon & Robertson, druggists.

## LOCAL BAKING POWDER

MACKVILLE.  
From Our Regular Correspondent.  
Robert Warder and Mrs. Ella Parrott of near Cornsboro were the guests of the family of Wilbur Peter last Saturday and Sunday.

Walter Raybourn of Louisville is at the bedside of his brother W. J. Raybourn, who is this writing remains quite poorly.

The school has been given to the young people last Friday evening at the home of Sam Arnold was much enjoyed by all present.

Rev. C. M. Humphrey and family have returned home from Wilmore where they have been attending the camp meeting.

The colored people's camp meeting which has been in progress for several weeks has closed.

Pruck Showmaker and wife, left a few days since for Princeton, Ind., where they expect to live. We wish them good luck in their new home.

Miss Malvina Wyott left last week for Oxford, Ind., where she expects to visit her aunt Mrs. Maude Walcott.

John Baker has returned home from Champagne, Ill., where he has been following farming to some time.

The public school began last Monday with a full attendance. Miss Ella Duncan of Pleasant Grove is the principal, while Miss Eva Harbette of this place is the assistant.

Miss Mattie Fitzgerald has returned to her home at this place after a visit to friends of her town.

Miss Mary Elder of Williamsburg is visiting her sister Mrs. Bettie McVey.

Mr. Davis Seale and wife of Texas spent Saturday night with the family of Edgar Seale.

Mr. Archie Barker of Perryville spent Friday night with John Kelly.

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